

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ADMIRAL ALAN SHEPARD

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 1998*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, we are saddened to learn of the passing of one of America's great pioneers, Rear Admiral Alan Shepard. Admiral Shepard leaves an enduring legacy of heroism, perseverance, and dedication to the exploration of space and service to his country.

Admiral Shepard served as a Navy fighter pilot and test pilot before being selected as one of the first group of astronauts in 1959. As the commander of Freedom 7, Admiral Shepard became the first American to venture into space.

Following his historic flight, Admiral Shepard was told he would never fly into space again. But he would not be deterred. Ten years later, he commanded Apollo 14 and was the fifth American—the fifth person—to walk on the Moon.

Those who have worked with Admiral Shepard in both the formulation of space policy and oversight of America's space program came to appreciate his wise counsel and fine wit as he educated us on the complex issues involved. I am confident that his contributions to America's space program will not be forgotten by his countrymen.

Admiral Shepard also served his country outside of the cockpit. Following his retirement from NASA and the U.S. Navy in 1974, he brought his determination and leadership to down-to-Earth goals, becoming a successful businessman and raising money for college scholarships so young Americans could grow up to become scientists and engineers. He was on the Board of Directors for both the Houston School for Deaf Children and the National Space Institute.

This afternoon, Admiral Shepard's spacecraft, "Freedom 7" will arrive at the National Air and Space Museum where it will be on display in remembrance of not only his historic first flight into space, but of the lasting contributions of this great American to his country.

And now, Admiral Shepard has joined his fellow crewman of Apollo 14—the late Stuart Roosa—and we wish him fair winds and following seas, and offer our condolences to his wife Louise, and his daughters Laura, Alice and Julie.

## A TRIBUTE TO ALYCE LIVINGSTON

**HON. GLENN POSHARD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 1998*

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent and dear friend, Mrs. Alyce J. Livingston of Decatur, Illinois

who has recently passed. She was a devoted citizen and my condolences and best wishes go to her family and all who will miss her.

Alyce was born on July 19, 1934 in Paducah, Kentucky. She was a dedicated student, and her scholastic excellence throughout her years at Lincoln High and West Kentucky Vocational School led her to my district during the 1950's, where she attended Millikin University.

Alyce recognized the importance of providing quality child care service to Decatur's next generation. As founder and director of the Tiny Tots Nursery, she inspired and shaped our young children. In addition, Alyce was also a lab technician for the A.E. Stanley Manufacturing Company, where she provided nearly thirty years of service.

As a faithful community leader, Alyce spent her time helping the city of Decatur and increasing momentum in the Civil Rights struggle. She was a long time member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where she served as an advisor and member of the Joe Slaw Civil Rights Awards Committee. Her strong beliefs in equality fostered her persistent efforts to build unity in Decatur. Furthermore, Alyce was a Decatur Township Trustee who committed five years to the city and was a member of the St. Peter's African Methodist Episcopal Church. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Mr. David C. Livingston, President of the Illinois NAACP, and her two sons, Malcolm and David.

Mr. Speaker, citizens such as Alyce Livingston exemplify the undying devotion critical to community involvement. I will miss her dedication, her persistence, and most of all, her friendship. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mrs. Alyce J. Livingston whose dedication to her career, community, and her personal convictions had a profound impact on those who knew her, including myself. It has been an honor to have represented her in the United States Congress.

## CONGRATULATING WILLIAM SCHIERBROCK

**HON. GREG GANSKE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 1998*

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak of William Schierbrock of Council Bluffs, Iowa, who was honored on July 12, 1998 for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating William Schierbrock for his commendable achievement. His parents Thomas and Jeanette Schierbrock can be proud of their son because it takes a great deal of tenacity and devotion to achieve such an illustrious ranking. This young man has a promising future ahead of him.

## IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel. Over the course of its history, this democracy has built a thriving economic and political system and a unique culture, in spite of internal and external challenges and hardships. Today, Israel shares a common goal of advancing the cause of humanity, seeking a stable and genuine peace in the Middle East, and generously shares its collective gifts with the rest of the world.

Israel and the United States share a common background based on pioneering and a united people's determination for political independence. Both countries were built on democratic principles which have withstood the test of time, serving as beacons of freedom, hope and opportunity.

Although situated across an entire ocean, thousands of miles apart, Israel and the United States have many similarities. An open exchange of ideas has cultivated the special relationship between the two countries. Over its fifty years in existence, Israel has become a State that has achieved considerable advancements. In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel's establishment, many organizations in the Cleveland area, such as the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, will host commemorative celebrations.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in recognizing this exciting and momentous occasion.

## HONORING KAVANAGH'S FURNITURE FOR THEIR 125 YEARS OF BUSINESS

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 1998*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged today to have the opportunity to acknowledge and honor Kavanagh Furniture of Springfield, MA, for its 125th year of business.

In 1873, Mr. Dennis Nelen opened his establishment as a "wholesaler and retailer in elegant furniture, hair and husk mattresses" and before 1900 he partnered with Mr. William Kavanagh. Today, Kavanagh's is the largest furniture store in Western Massachusetts and has three sister stores with a fourth on the way. It is Springfield's oldest family owned business still in existence and one of the oldest operating furniture stores in the entire United States.

In an era where retailers often sacrifice quality service for quantity sold, Kavanagh's

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